

Welcome



Hello everyone!

We're so excited to launch our very first newsletter — a new way to keep our Cubs, Scouts, and families up to date with everything happening in and around our busy group. There's loads going on, so grab a cuppa and catch up on what's new at Brenchley & Matfield Scouts!

Online Scout Manager

Just a friendly reminder to all parents to please keep using Online Scout Manager for payments, permissions, and event sign-ups. It really helps our leaders stay organised (and means less chasing around for forms and cash!)



New Website

We're thrilled to announce the launch of our brand-new website:

www.bmscoutgroup.org.uk

It's the new home for all things Scouting in Brenchley and Matfield — news, photos, event details, hall bookings, and more. Take a look and let us know what you think!



Hire our hall

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Did you know our Scout Hut is available to hire for parties, meetings, or events?

-  Only £15 per hour
-  Book via our website



Why are there CCTV cameras at our HQ?



You may have heard that we recently had a few incidents of vandalism at the Scout Hut. The good news is we've now installed a CCTV system to help keep our site safe and secure. A huge thank you to everyone who helped make this possible — your support means we can keep providing a great space for all our sections to enjoy.



Cubs and Scouts, we are proud to present you with your new poppy scarf. We hope you will wear it on Remembrance Day as a gift from our group to you, representing our shared commitment to remembering those who have served and sacrificed



We need you...

More fun, more adventure, more marshmallows!

To keep up with our amazing young people, we need a few more grown-ups to join the adventure. Whether you're an expert at knots or just know how to make a great cup of tea, there's a place for you! You don't need to be an expert to get involved.

We have opportunities for:

- Uniformed Leaders and Section Assistants: Help run activities and weekly meetings for our Cubs, or Scouts.
- Trustees: Join our Executive Committee to help with behind-the-scenes magic like fundraising and finances. No campfires required!
- Occasional Supporters: Give an hour or two here and there to help with a specific event or task.

Interested? Drop us a message to find out more. We're a friendly bunch, and we promise you'll have a blast.

Contact our Group Lead Volunteer Nick - glv@bmscoutgroup.org.uk



Don't bin it, donate it

Did you know you can help us raise money simply by recycling your old printer ink cartridges? We now have a dedicated collection box in the scout hut. Just pop your used cartridges in the box next time you're visiting. It's an easy way to help the environment and raise funds for the group.



Upcoming events

Tuesday 4th November- Cubs and Scouts will be coming together for a big bonfire night evening with a large fire and sausages.

Friday 7th November- Come and see us at the Brenchley & Matfield School PTFA Fireworks Night — we'll be running a candy floss stall to raise funds for our Scout Group! Every bit we raise goes straight back into activities, equipment, and adventures for our young people. So bring your friends, grab a sweet treat, and support your local Scouts!

Sunday 9th November- We'll be taking part in both the Brenchley and Horsmonden Remembrance Day parades this year to honour those who have served, full details will be sent out shortly. We'd love to see as many Cubs and Scouts as possible joining in proudly in uniform.

Saturday 29th November- Help needed! We are holding a work party at the scout hut, from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm. We'll be tackling various jobs, both big and small. Many hands make light work! Please come and lend a hand if you can. Tea, coffee, and biscuits will be provided. Thanks for your support!

Friday 27th February - Sunday 1st March- our Scout Troop will be taking part in the Frost and Flame winter camp, with our Cub pack visiting for the day on Saturday. Full details will be released shortly.

*** BREAKING NEWS! *** We are **THRILLED** to announce that our scout group has successfully renewed the lease on our land for another 7 years! This fantastic news secures our home for future generations of adventurers. Thank you to everyone involved in making this happen! The adventure continues!

We hope you've enjoyed this first edition of our group newsletter! It's been wonderful to reflect on all the fantastic things our Beavers, Cubs, and Scouts have been up to. Thank you to all our leaders, parents, and supporters—your enthusiasm and dedication make all this possible. We look forward to more adventures with you all.

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